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SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF DUDLEY THOMPSON AS MINING MINISTER

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1. IN A JANUARY 9 CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER GOJ AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE MAYER MATALON VOICED BITTER CRITICISM OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SENATOR DUDLEY THOMPSON HAD CONDUCTED HIS FORMER JOB OF MINISTER OF MINES. ACCORDING TO MATALON (WHO HAS BEEN THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF ADVISOR AND NEGOTIATOR ON MATTERS INVOLVING BAUXITE AND ALUMINA) THOMPSON HAD THOROUGHLY ALIENATED THE MAJOR FIRMS OPERATING IN JAMAICA -- ALCAN, ALCOA, KAISER AND REYNOLDS. HE ALSO HAD RELEASED MISLEADING FIGURES REGARDING BAUXITE AND ALUMINA EARNINGS TO THE MEDIA. ALL IN ALL, HE HAD BEEN AN UNUSUALLY DISRUPTIVE FORCE AS MINISTER. UNABLE TO WORK WITH THOMPSON, MATALON SAID THAT HE HAD RESIGNED FROM HIS POSITION AS "AMBASSADOR FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS" AND HIS OTHER POSTS DEALING WITH BAUXITE AND ALUMINA. WITH THOMPSON NOW REMOVED TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY, MATALON EXPECTS TO RESUME HIS ROLE AS AN ADVISOR AND NEGOTIATOR ON BAUXITE AND ALUMINA.

2. MATALON REMARKS CONFIRM THE REPORTS NOTED IN THE
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REFTEL REGARDING THOMPSON'S VERY POOR PERFORMANCE AT
THE MINING MINISTRY.
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